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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Matthew O Savage	1724	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, following must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s):

The embodiment in which the main body side coupling portion fits in a filtration side fitting member as recited in claim 5;

The embodiment in which the filtration portion side stopping member is allowed to move only in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the filtration side coupling portion as recited in claims 7 and 11;

The embodiment in which the main body side stopping member and filtration portion side stopping member are relatively movable in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the main body side coupling portion as recited in instant claims 1, 7, 10, and 11.

No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification fails to adequately disclose the embodiment in which the main body side coupling portion fits in a filtration side fitting member as recited in claim 5;

The specification fails to adequately disclose the embodiment in which the filtration portion side stopping member is allowed to move only in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the filtration side coupling portion as recited in claims 7 and 11.

The concept of the both the main body side stopping member and the filtration portion side stopping member being movable as implied by the limitation "said main body side stopping member and said filtration portion side stopping member are allowed to move relatively to each other in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the main body side coupling portion" added to claims 1, 6, 7, 10, and 11 has not been adequately disclosed in the specification.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to

one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The concept of the both the main body side stopping member and the filtration portion side stopping member being movable as implied by the limitation "said main body side stopping member and said filtration portion side stopping member are allowed to move relatively to each other in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the main body side coupling portion" added to claims 1, 6, 7, 10, and 11 is considered new matter.

Claims 1-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Applicant's arguments filed 7-20-04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The drawing objection based on claim 5 is maintained since the drawings fail to show a main body side coupling portion 39 that includes a main body side fitting 49 member that fits in a filtration side fitting member 47.

The drawing objection based on claims 7 and 11 is maintained since the drawings fail to show a filtration portion side stopping member 48 that is movable.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of claim 5 concerning enablement has been maintained since the specification fails to adequately disclose how to arrange a main body side coupling portion fits in a filtration side fitting member.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of claims 7 and 11 concerning enablement has been maintained since the specification fails to adequately disclose the embodiment in which the filtration portion side stopping member is allowed to move only in one direction that intersects substantially at right angles with an axial core direction of the filtration side coupling portion.

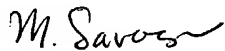
Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew O Savage whose telephone number is (571) 272-1146. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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